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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JOSEPĤ H. BARTOZZI ET AL. Serial No.: 09/998,814 Filed: October 21, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Thomson, Michelle

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and M.P.E.P. § 710.02(c), Applicant respectfully requests that the deadline for filing this Amendment be extended one month, from May 26, 2003 to June 26, 2003.

A check for \$110 is enclosed to cover the fee for this request. Please charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

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